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English 3800
Policies and Procedures
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Office: 339B Coleman Hall
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Hours: MWRF 12:30-1:30
MTWRF 3:30-4:00

Course Requirements/Grades

Participation	5%
Quizzes	15%
Paper I (5-7pp)	15%
Midterm	15%
Research paper (8-10 pp)	25%
Final	25%

Absences and Make-up Policy

Unexcused absences do not permit one to make up any quizzes, exams, or other written assignments. In the case of an excused absence (illness, family emergency, etc.), one must complete the missed work within one week of one's return to class.

Papers and Exams

The shorter paper (Paper I) is to be an analytical essay upon the topic of a student's choice. No research is required, but one may use secondary materials. Numerous possible topics will be given to the class about 7-10 days before the due date. The research paper requires at least 5 sources and will be on a topic of one's own devising. I will be delighted to talk with you about possible topics several weeks before the due date.

The two exams will be divided into two roughly equal sections of short answer (terms, ID's, quotations) and an essay question. The quizzes are basic reading quizzes given without warning and covering the material to be read for a given day. The quizzes will be worth 10 points each. The scores will be totaled and assigned a single letter grade, which will account for 15% of the course grade.

Goals of the Course

The course is designed to be both an introduction to and an investigation of the earliest literature in our language. The course will focus not only upon the literature itself and the various genres in which it is exhibited but also upon the major ideas, values, and beliefs of the culture portrayed in the literature of the period, values and beliefs which cast long shadows across western culture in the later centuries. Students will be expected to demonstrate their knowledge of the literary developments and the ideas contained in that literature in their exams and essays.

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- June 11 Introduction to the course and backgrounds
- 12 Backgrounds (cont.); *Beowulf* (*Norton Anthology*, p. 21)
- 13 *Beowulf*
- 14 *Wanderer* and *Seafarer* (*OME Anthology*, pp. 42 and 48)
- 15 *Dream of the Rood*, "The Wife's Lament," "The Ruin," "Deor" (*OME Anthology*, pp. 108, 76, 84, and 54)
- 18 Chretien de Troyes, *Yvain*
- 19 *Yvain* (cont.)
- 20 Marie de France, *Guigemar* and *Equitan*
- 21 Marie De France, *Milun* and *Le Freine*
- 22 **MIDTERM EXAM**
- 25 *Gawain and The Green Knight* (*Norton Anthology*, p. 200)
- 26 *Pearl* **PAPER I DUE**
- 27 Chaucer, *The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale* (*Norton Anthology*, p. 117)
- 28 *Sir Orfeo* (*OME Anthology*, p. 465); Sounds of Middle English
- 29 Thomas Malory, *The Tale of the Sankgreal*
- July 2 Malory, *Lancelot and Guenivere*
- 3 Malory, *The Morte D'Arthur*
- 4 Independence Day--No Classes
- 5 *The Second Shepherd's Play* and *Everyman* (*Norton Anthology*, pp. 318 and 363) **PAPER II DUE**

FINAL EXAM--TBA